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PLS PASS TO MR. HUSTER, "E" SYSTEMS

STATE FOR S/NM

MANILA FOR USAID CONTRACTING OFFICER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, BM
SUBJECT: F-27 IRAN

REF: (A) DET 9 R 280315Z AUG 78; (B) MANILA 15156

1. DISCUSSION WITH BAF ON 8/29 REVEALS THEY CONSIDER THE F-27 ESSENTIAL TO THEIR OPERATIONS. IN ORDER TO REDUCE COSTS OF IRAN THEY HAVE DELETED REQUIREMENT FOR SPERRY AUTO PILOT AND NEW WEATHER RADAR. ALL OTHER WORK SPECS REMAIN UNCHANGED. THEY REQUEST BENCH CHECK OF EXISTING RADAR AND RETURN TO SERVICE. IN ANY EVENT, NO RPT NO WORK CAN PROCEED UNTIL FY 79 FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE--ESTIMATED O/A NOVEMBER 1, 1978. THE CONTRACTING OFFICER WILL ADVISE YOU WHEN FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. THE SAME LIMITATION APPLIES TO ANY REPAIRS TO THE BELL 205A-1 HELICOPTER. DO NOT PROCEED WITH ANY REPAIRS UNTIL FY-79 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

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2. FOR MANILA: IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BAF CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER AND COLONEL, AIR STAFF, THEY REQUEST THAT THE REMAINING BALANCE FROM FY-78 FUNDS, USD 400,000, BE PLACED IN THE CONTRACT WITH "E" SYSTEMS (492-1501). THEY WILL SOON BE PLACING AN ORDER AGAINST THIS CONTRACT FOR APPROXIMATELY USD 370 THOUSAND FOR INITIAL SPARES FOR THE FH-227. THIS DOES NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE QEC APU OFFERED

BY "E" SYSTEMS AT A COST OF USD 45,000, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR REMOTE OPERATIONS IN BURMA. WOULD SUGGEST YOU ADVISE "E" SYSTEMS SUPPLY SUPERVISOR, BROCKLESBY, TO PROCEED TO RANGOON ASAP FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BAF TO DETERMINE PRIORITIES IN SPARES PROCUREMENT. TELEX MILPRO (BAF) FOR APPROVAL OF VISIT AND ADVISE EMBASSY RANGOON DATE OF ARRIVAL. RECOMMEND VISIT O/A SEPT 7.

3. OUR BEST ESTIMATE FOR CONTRACT 492-1504 (HELI-ORIENT) AT LAST BILLING, INDICATES APPROXIMATELY USD 375,000 REMAINING IN THAT CONTRACT. WE CONSIDER THIS ADEQUATE FOR OPERATIONS THROUGH FY-78. THE HELI-ORIENT SUPPLY DIRECTOR ADVISED ME IN BANGKOK THAT HELI-ORIENT'S ORDERS FOR THE ONTRAC III WILL CONTINUE. HOWEVER, UNTIL FY-79 FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AND/OR A FAVORABLE DECISION FROM THE DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVED, HELI-ORIENT WILL ABSORB THE COST OF PROCUREMENT AND, IF NECESSARY, WILL SELL THE UNITS--ASSUMING A NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT--TO OTHER CUSTOMERS AT NO COST TO USG. IF A FAVORABLE RESPONSE IS RECEIVED, THE UNITS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR INSTALLATION AND USE BY THE BAF DURING THE POPPY GROWING SEASON.

4. REGARDING REF B THE HELI-ORIENT SUPPLY DIRECTOR HAS STATED HE IS WILLING TO HOLD THE INITIAL BELL 206 SPARES ORDER AS COMPANY INVENTORY UNTIL FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE IN FY-79.
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5. REQUEST BJORLYKKE ADVISE MISSION IF THE ABOVE ACCEPT-ABLE FROM A CONTRACTUAL STANDPOINT. REGARDS, RUDY HALL.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED MR. HUSTER, "E" SYSTEMS.

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